

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following species:

a) Antibody to Notch;
b) Extracellular domain of a Notch protein;
c) Protein consisting of the EGF homologous repeats of a Notch protein;

d) Adhesive fragment of a Notch protein;
e) Protein consisting of a fragment of a toporythmic protein;
f) Antibody to a toporythmic protein;
g) Oligonucleotide;
h) Encoded by a gene which is a member of the Notch signaling pathway;

i) Analog of a Notch intracellular signal transducing region; and
j) Inhibitor of a Notch intracellular signal transducing region.

Further, if either (e) Protein consisting of a fragment of a toporythmic protein or (f) Antibody to a toporythmic protein is elected, the Examiner requires a further election to select a specific toporythmic protein from among:

k) Delta;
l) Serrate; and
m) Notch.

In response, Applicants hereby elect a) Antibody to Notch. Claims readable on the elected species are claims 34, 90-100, 106, 107, 109, 110 and 115. Claims 34, 90-95, 106, 107, 109 and 110 are generic. Regarding the listing of generic claims, Applicants note that Notch is a toporythmic protein.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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